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SUBJ ALLEGATIONS OF CIA OPERATIONS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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1. BRITISH COLUMBIA RESOURCES MINISTER ROBERT WILLIAMS HAS DENIED QUOTES ATTRIBUTED TO HIM BY US COLLEGE NEWSPAPER ALLEGING CIA INFILTRATION IN NDP GOVERNMENT IN BC (REFTELS). "I'M AFRAID THE STORY IS JUST THAT - A STORY" SAID WILLIAMS WHEN QUESTIONED BY REPORTERS ON HIS RETURN FROM EUROPE. HE ADDED "MY ONLY COMMENT ABOUT THE CIA WAS . . . THAT WITH OBVIOUS PROVEN INTERESTS AND INVOLVEMENT OF CIA IN LATIN AMERICA, IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THEY DIDN'T HAVE INTERESTS NORTH OF THE 49TH PARALLEL. BUT I HAD NO EVIDENCE OR DOCUMENTARY BACKUP IN THAT REGARD."

2. WILLIAMS CRITICIZED OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN WHO CALLED FOR WILLIAMS' RESIGNATION FOR MAKING "INCREDIBLY IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENTS" (VANCOUVER 579).

3. WILLIAMS SAID HE HAD NOT RECEIVED PROMISED TAPE OF INTERVIEW FROM ED HANDELL, AUTHOR OF STORY. HANDELL NOW SAYS NO ONE, NOT EVEN WILLIAMS, WILL BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR THE TAPE.

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